



# Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During the month of October, a month dedicated to the Blessed Mother, we also honor the women of our Church who work so tirelessly for the faith. In a special way I would like to honor the Council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of Palm Beach and thank them for all that they do for their parishes, the diocese and the Church as a whole.

It is my joy to declare October, Council of Catholic Women (CCW) month, and to encourage all the women of the parishes to get involved in their local councils. The CCW is instrumental in many ways in the Diocese of Palm Beach and their leadership is greatly appreciated.

One of the many areas in which the CCW is of great assistance is in promoting awareness and prevention of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. This issue is of such vital importance in our society and the CCW has asked that we remember the month of October also as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the hopes that we will end this horrible blight in our society.

May we all join as sisters and brothers in Christ in our quest to end the horror of domestic violence and human trafficking in our society and support the initiatives and efforts of the Council of Catholic Women. I extend my deep thanks and appreciation to the Council of Catholic Women for all that they do and offer my prayerful support of their endeavors.

May God bless you and your families with His grace and peace and may the Blessed Mother always intercede for you.

With every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
+ *Gerald M. Barbarito*  
Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

## **NOTE TO PASTORS:**

**Please have this letter read at all Masses or printed in the parish bulletin on a weekend of your choosing during the month of October.**